AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently amended) A medical device for draining a liner-type suction canister having a cover and a liner coupled to the cover, the cover having therein a port, the liner containing fluid to be drained, the device comprising:
 - a housing in communication with a sanitary sewer line;
 - a swingarm coupled to the housing;
- a support member directly connected to the swingarm for supporting the liner-type suction canister, the swingarm movable adapted to move the liner-type suction canister between a first position and a second position;

a drainhead having a passageway therein, the drainhead coupled to the swingarm and moveable between a first position not engageable with the liner-type suction canister and a second position engageable with the liner-type suction canister, and in its second position, the passageway being adapted to be in fluid communication with the port in the cover of the liner-type suction canister; and

a suction source in communication with the passageway and adapted to drain the fluid contained in the liner-type suction canister from the liner through the drainhead to the sanitary sewer.

- 2. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein when the drainhead is in its first position, the swingarm is unable to move.
- 3. (Original) The medical device of claim 2 wherein the swingarm includes an interlock and wherein when the drainhead is in its first position, the swingarm is unable to move due to the interlock.
- 4. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the support member includes an alignment member to align the liner-type suction canister relative to the drainhead.
- 5. (Original) The medical device of claim 4 wherein the alignment member is a finger notch that interengages with a cover of the liner-type suction canister.
- 6. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the suction source is activated when the swingarm is in its second position.

- 7. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the support member includes a rigid walled container into which a liner-type suction canister is positionable.
- 8. (Original) The medical device of claim 7 wherein when the drainhead is in its second position, an air tight seal is creatable between the cover of the liner-type suction canister and the container.
- 9. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the swingarm rotates about an axis at least ninety degrees and no more than 180 degrees between its first and second positions.
- 10. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the drainhead includes a latch, wherein when the drainhead is in its second position, the latch engages the swingarm to positionally fix the drainhead relative to the swingarm.
- 11. (Original) The medical device of claim 10 wherein the swingarm includes a lock, and wherein the latch engages the lock to fix positionally the drainhead relative to the swingarm.
- 12. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the swingarm includes a handle to enable rotation of the swingarm.
- 13. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the suction source includes a jet pump.
- 14. (Currently amended) A medical device for draining the fluid contained in a liner-type suction canister, the device comprising:
- a swingarm having thereon a support member adapted to support the liner-type suction canister, the swingarm moveable between a first and a second position; and
- a drainhead <u>pivotable</u> with respect to the swingarm, the drainhead having a passageway therein, the drainhead moveable between a first and a second position, the drainhead adapted to engage the liner-type suction canister to enable fluid communication between the passageway and the fluid contained in the liner-type suction canister when the drainhead is in the second position.

- 15. (Original) The medical device of claim 14 wherein the passageway is in fluid communication with a sanitary sewer, and wherein fluid flows from the passageway to the sanitary sewer.
- 16. (Original) The medical device of claim 14 and further comprising a suction source in communication with the passageway for draining fluid contained in the liner-type suction canister.
- 17. (Previously presented) A medical device for draining fluid contained in a liner-type suction canister having a cover, the device comprising:

a housing; and

a swingarm pivotably coupled to the housing, the swingarm movable between a first position and a second position, the swingarm including a support member adapted to support the liner-type suction canister and a drainhead having therein a passageway, the drainhead adapted to engage the cover of the liner-type suction canister to permit fluid to drain from the liner-type suction canister through the drainhead to the housing.

18. (Original) A method for draining a liner-type suction canister filled with fluid, the method comprising:

placing the liner-type suction canister on a swingarm of a drainage device; coupling together a drainhead on the drainage device and the liner-type suction canister; rotating the swingarm with the liner-type suction canister thereon; and activating a suction source to drain the fluid from the liner-type suction canister through the drainhead.

19. (Currently amended) A method for draining a liner-type suction canister filled with fluid, the method comprising:

placing the liner-type suction canister on a swingarm of a drainage device;

connecting a drainhead on the drainage device with the liner-type suction canister so as to establish fluid communication between the drainhead and a port on the liner-type suction canister:

rotating the swingarm with to move the liner-type suction canister thereon; and activating a suction source to drain the fluid from the liner-type suction canister through the drainhead.

20. (Original) A method for draining a liner-type suction canister filled with fluid, the method comprising:

placing the liner-type suction canister on a swingarm of a drainage device when the swingarm is in a first position;

preventing movement of the swingarm;

moving a drainhead on the drainage device from a first position to a second position in fluid communication with a port on the liner-type suction canister;

securing the drainhead in the second position;

enabling movement of the swingarm;

rotating the swingarm from its first position to a second position; and

activating a suction source to drain the fluid from the liner-type suction canister, through the drainhead, and to a sanitary sewer.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 and further including the step of orienting the linertype suction canister with respect to the drainage device.